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My Dear Mrs Mum

It is some time I believe
since I have received a letter from
you or at any rate since I have
written one to you. Indeed time
flies so rapidly that I hardly take
note of it. Do you think Mother
that I am now older than my
Dear Father was, when he was call
ed away from you to prove us all
to his God & our God. I think he
died in February. He has been very much
in my thoughts during the last
month. I have been enabled to recall
to mind, with much freshness, many
an incident which occurred in
our quiet & peaceful family during
his lifetime. His memory is cherished
deep in my heart. I have never thought
of him as I recollect but with sin
cere pleasure. Oh how many times the
winter past have I thought of the
petitions which of my own accord
I incorporated into my morning
prayer soon after his death viz "that
God would give me grace to walk

in the footsteps of my dear departed Father. I know often said to myself. Would to God I was as good a man as I think he was. But enough of this. He will not cause such to us, but we must search ye to him. May it be our daily care to have our home in readiness that when the Master calls. There may be no delay nor any regret, but that we may cheerfully & joyfully obey the summons - bid the world. Farewell, & follow our Angel guide to Heaven, where with our Glorious Saviour we shall see & recognize the Honored Father & the Beloved Daughter who have gone before

We are full of business connected with the church. We feel as though God had great things in store for his church here. For instead of his [illegible] as when I came here. We are now six actively engaged in the good cause. The Lord gives both Mrs P & myself increasing favor with the people. Our congregation is filling up more & more & there are frequent additions to our communion. But all I am that is good. God has made me, & all the good I am enabled to do comes from him, & let His name have all the praise. This I hope I can say from my heart. I desire more than ever to be useful & so desires my wife. Charlotte's health is much better than it was at the North. She can walk two or three miles without much inconvenience & I think her reputation as a Minister's wife is superior to any other in the city. Lucy is growing up a sweet, dutiful & interesting child. In addition to lessons at home. She is taking music lessons daily as also French lessons from two distinct teachers. While we purify her mind & heart with virtuous principles we wish her to be prepared for any situations in life the Providence of God may design for her.

It is uncertain whether we can come to see you this summer. We are so interested in our field of labor that we shall regret to leave it even for a short time. We can not tell yet. If there is any thing you want me to do write & tell me. We have had a very mild

winter. To day there has been much thunder & lightning & heavy rain. Spring is upon us. But I must close Love to all. So long me to you & to all our friends

God bless you, as prays

Your affectionate son

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